



Students are expected to attend all scheduled lectures and participate in discussions in class. Attendance at lectures may not be recorded daily after the Drop/Add period but students are expected to attend all lectures and up to 10 extra credit points may be awarded for attendance. Regardless of attendance, each student is responsible for all material presented in class and must attend when tests are given and when assigned work is due. The instructor is not obligated to provide lecture notes or other material to absentee students or to offer make-up examinations. Students with valid, documented excuses (eg. a death in the immediate family) may receive special consideration but must contact the instructor immediately and provide documentation if asked.

At the end of the term, all students will be expected to complete an online Student Opinion of Instruction survey (SOI) that will be available on BANNER. Students will receive an email notification through their VSU email address when the SOI is available (generally at least one week before the end of the term). SOI responses are anonymous to instructors/administrators. Instructors will be able to view only a summary of all responses after they have submitted final grades. While instructors will not be able to view individual responses or to access any of the data until after final grade submission, they will be able to see which students have or have not completed their SOIs. These compliance and non-compliance reports will not be available once instructors are able to access the results. Complete information about the SOIs, including how to access the survey and a timetable for this term is available at SOI Procedures and Timelines (located at <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/sois/> under "Information for Students - Directions for Accessing and Completing SOIs").

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Regular attendance and participation are essential for success in class. Therefore, students are expected to attend class as scheduled and must complete assignments as outlined in the syllabus. If students are absent, they should follow the course's attendance policy. If students must be absent due to a quarantine or isolation requirement for COVID-19, they must report this situation via the COVID Self Reporting Link in MyVSU and through the Dean of Students Office to report any other absences as well. Instructors will not alter the schedule for individual students unless arrangements have been made in advance.

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| 1 | Jan 8-12     | Part I: The Process of Science<br>Biology and Ancient Civilizations | TBA  |
| 2 | Jan 15-19    | Biology and Greeks/Renaissance                                      | TBA<br>The Story of Life: Ch. 1<br>The Story of Life Ch. 2 |
| 3 | Jan 22--26   | Microscopes and other early<br>scientific instruments               | TBA  |
| 4 | Jan 29—Feb 2 | ; Part II: Heredity and<br>genetics                                 | The Story of Life: Ch. 3                                   |
| 5 | Feb 5-9      | Molecular Basis of Life   | The Story of Life: Ch. 4 and Ch. 5                         |
| 6 | Feb 12-16    | Gene Medicine   | The Story of Life: Ch. 6                                   |